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THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2011

## CHARITY'S CALL TO 'LEND A HELPING HAND'...

# Should people take more responsibility during bad weather?

**DOES the public have unrealistic expectations of what their local council can achieve when extreme weather – such as the pre-Christmas blast – hits an area?**

That question has been posed by an older peo-

ple's charity and some Vale residents.

During the wintry spell before Christmas, the Vale Council worked hard to keep roads and services running as normal.

Ten gritters equipped with ploughs criss-crossed the Vale, seven JCBs removed snow

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

from side streets and hilly areas and 200 salt bins were replenished.

Social services staff also visited users' homes, helped with Meals on Wheels, and kept residential care and home care services functioning.

Derek Hooper from Barry contacted The GEM to argue that people should not expect the council to do everything, and that action by residents can make a big difference, too.

He said: "Once again, during the recent bad weather, it was noticeable that the majority of residents who got out their shovels and pitched in to help one another

were of the older generation.

"I recall the bitter winters of 1947 and 1963, when it seemed entire streets turned out to get stuck in. Alas, this is no longer the case because back then we had a sense of community."

"Complain about the local authority as much as you like – and I do quite often – but if more people got off their backsides and showed some old-fashioned gumption then pavements and roads would be cleared much quicker."

"Remember, the local authority cannot do everything. We talk about our rights to this and that, but along with those rights go responsibilities – and too many people appear to have

forgotten they go hand in hand."

The Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale Ian Johnson said that following a meeting with Stephen Blakeman, the chair of the Barry Flooding campaign group, he thought there may be a need to 're-prioritise' gritting points in particularly difficult areas, because it would enable residents to make their own roads passable.

Dr Johnson said: "While the snow that we've had recently looks very pretty and can be fun for the kids to play in, it causes serious problems for older people and those who are socially isolated."

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**RIGHT:** Ian Johnson with local shop owner, Maria Antoniou, whose family have run two stores on Park Crescent for 40 years and is opposed to Sainsbury's moving into the area.



## Alcohol licence decision goes before council

**A Vale Council committee is due to meet tomorrow (Friday, January 7) to hear an application from Sainsbury's for an alcohol licence for its proposed store on Park Crescent.**

The company is currently seeking planning permission to convert 39-40 Park Crescent, the old bike and tool shop, into one of its Sainsbury's Local stores, but before that application is considered, the supermarket giant wants to get permission to sell alcohol.

In November, The GEM reported that local residents and traders were opposed to a Sainsbury's Local being located in the area, because it would cause significant car parking problems in a busy area with a junior school.

Plaid Cymru's Assembly candidate Dr Ian Johnson said there were already off-licences in Park Crescent serving the public and he had reservations about a new late night one being granted in the area.

He explained: "There are already two off-licences on Park Crescent, one of which is next door to the site of the proposed Sainsbury's."

"Any plans to open later than these stores would lead to an increase in late night footfall with associated noise for local residents."

"A late night drinks licence shouldn't be a reason for people visiting a supermarket and I hope that the area's largely residential nature will be respected."

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## 'Please review gritting policy'

**D**URING the recent severe winter weather that hit Barry, the northern side of the town seemed to stay in the grip of the ice and snow long after it had melted in other areas.

I wonder whether the Vale of Glamorgan Council is aware of the problems residents have in these higher-up areas.

I cannot believe that Winston Road and Meggit Road are not on the council's gritting schedule, even though both these roads are on the bus route.

These roads were treacherous in both the heavy frost we experienced in November and then the thick snow before Christmas.

This left many people from the Colcot and surrounding areas, including the elderly and those with young children, unable to get to shops, the chemists or doctors' surgeries.

Can I ask the Vale Council to please review its gritting schedule – for the sake of the elderly and vulnerable residents who live in the upper areas of Barry?

**Claire Curtis**  
(Labour candidate,  
Dyfan ward of  
Barry Town Council)

## Action call on the black bags

**S**EVERAL months ago, you published my letter criticising the lack of care shown by trustees of the Memorial Hall, Barry, in relation to the hedgerow fronting onto St Pauls Avenue.

Subsequently, letters appeared from Coun Theo Stenstrom and one of the trustees defending themselves.

Significantly, shortly after The GEM published my letter, the hedgerow was roughly trimmed so making the footpath safer for passers-by.

Furthermore, I referred to the general

rubbish in the hedge, including black bags nestling there.

We were told these would be dealt with.

I have continued to monitor this situation and can report that several months later the black bags are STILL there. This is disgraceful.

### COMPENSATE

If the Memorial Hall trustees cannot be relied upon to keep the surroundings clean and tidy then I will do so myself, provided they compensate me modestly for my time and provide transport to take the bags and general detritus away.

Let's have some action here!  
**Christopher Short,**  
Barry

## 'No to a Rhoose community council'

**N**O, NO, NO... Why does the question of a community council for Rhoose rear its ugly head yet again?

Who is going to pay for it? We already have the Vale of Glamorgan Council – we do not need another tier of government. Wake up and smell the coffee – we are in a recession.

**Marjorie Voaden, Rhoose**

## A QUICK TIP TO CLEAR THE SNOW!

**E**VEN if you can get to the DIY shop to buy one, a snow shovel can be surprisingly expensive.

Fix a piece of plywood at least a foot wide to a length of two by one timber and grease it with cooking oil – that prevents the snow from sticking – it works better than anything you will buy in the shops.

**David Alexander, Barry**

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## 'Get the MoD college built to bring in cash'

**I**AM at a loss to understand why we have spent £18.7 million on consultancy fees for the Training College scheme at MoD St Athan.

A list of names and awards should be published.

I held an education commission in the RAF, who know everything about training, and was a major supplier of technical products to the MoD.

## The airport is a 'white elephant'

**I**SHOULD like to comment on the letter from D Andrews in The GEM (December 23) which referred to the inconveniences and inadequacies at Cardiff Airport.

Wales is a country still not overly populated, and all areas are badly served by road or rail. Consequently, air lines see little profit in 'pandering' to our needs, nor do the railways.

North Wales is adequately served from Liverpool and Manchester, mid-Wales relies on Birmingham and, of course, south

Wales relied on Birmingham, until the fairly recent upgrading of Bristol and even Exeter.

The only 'international' part about Cardiff Airport is the regular KLM flights that take you Schiphol and then anywhere in the world.

Yes, all the comments about pick-up/drop-off are valid; also the baggage trolley charges etc... but all of these are necessary to maintain our 'white elephant' at Rhoose.

There must be alternative solutions, such as short range, REGULAR internal UK flights  
**James Tuttle, Penarth**

## Air travellers are opting for Bristol

**W**ITH reference to recent letters on passengers' inconvenience at Cardiff Airport, we have deserted Cardiff for Bristol – together with our two daughters, sons-in-law, five grandchildren – as well as friends from Porthcawl. We have voted with our feet.  
**Rhodri Williams,**  
Llantwit Major

## 'Council is apolitical'

**W**ITH reference to recent correspondence, Coun Wyn Bellin knows as well as anybody that Colwinston Community Council operates on an apolitical basis.

It is, therefore, unfortunate and probably inappropriate, that he should use the local and rural issue of Broadband as the platform for a much wider national, political and constitutional debate.  
**Coun P Graham-Woolard,**  
Chairman, Colwinston Community Council,  
Colwinston

## Health and safety query

**D**URING the recent severe weather, I was appalled at the conditions in areas near stores at Llantwit Major allocated for vehicles – and especially pavements.

Thousands of residents at Llantwit Major, and beyond, will rightly ask who is responsible for health and safety?

**G J Cooper,**  
Llantwit Major

You need a syllabus of what needs teaching; then the teachers will tell you what they need in the way of equipment, building and wages.

The local authority will tell you what infrastructure is needed.

All of this for free or a few thousand pounds!

Parasitic quangos and 'jobs for the boys' are not free... Someone needs to explain soon and get the college built to bring in some money.

**DE Jenkins,**  
Penarth

## 'Please don't park in our disabled bays!'

**O**N Christmas Eve, I went to visit a friend at Barry hospital, only to find that all the disabled spaces had been taken... Fair enough if all the people had been disabled!

I then went into the main car park which was virtually empty and sat there for half an hour.

As someone who uses crutches all the time, I couldn't get out of the car to walk to the

hospital. But hey ho, along comes a young man without a badge, moves away and leaves.

A minute later, here comes a member of staff (also in the disabled bay) and leaves the hospital.

Nobody wanted to slip on the ice, but please – all you able-bodied people – spare a thought for those who find it hard enough to walk, without inconsiderate people parking in those disabled-only car spaces.

**Diane Rees,**  
Rhoose.

## FocusBARRY for a real bargain!

**I** see the Labour Party are now trying to woo the student vote with the rock-bottom Christmas offer from Ed Miliband to "Join the party for one penny, and we will be your voice".

Somebody should let him know that young people don't appear to want political parties to speak for them, to pass on their outdated ideology, or for the local party strongman to tell them what and when to do something.

Just look at the internet where people express themselves in so many different ways.

Times are changing and so are people's attitudes toward these organisations that have lost credibility with the public.

We have a better offer at the

FocusBARRY@live.co.uk store starting this January: membership for any independent thinker, young or old, who is willing to accept our values and principles which relate to the Barry community and supporting local independent people.

Membership fees are a bargain at £10 a year and people will be pleased to know that FocusBARRY does NOT intend to be their voice: we will provide a platform for you to speak for yourself, if that's what you want.

We are going to do things differently and you can help shape that approach.

Many of our supporters are fed-up with the way Barry is being treated by local party politicians who continually promise high and deliver low or not at all.

**Dennis Harkus**  
Acting Chair,  
FocusBARRY

## Milkman tops!

**I** WISH to convey my thanks to William Hanks and his milkman Philip for the wonderful way in which they delivered milk, cream and eggs over the Christmas period, despite the hardship caused by the heavy snow and ice.

**Valerie Rees,**  
Flemington

## Knock-on effect for local family businesses?

**A**S we know, Waitrose is hoping to come to Cowbridge. Recently, the R S Bird family organised an exhibition of the plans that are being put forward for their site in the town, allowing townsfolk to see the proposals, discuss points and to leave comments.

It was a generous gesture for the family to set up the consultation, which allowed the public to speak with Waitrose staff and representatives.

Waitrose state that they want to attract more people to Cowbridge – to do their food shopping in Waitrose and, with two hours of free parking, visitors can then avail themselves of the other shops and businesses in the town, – the cafés, dress and gift shops etc.

However, all the family-owned provision shops in Cowbridge are being faced with the possibility of going out of business by the introduction of another national chain supermarket in their midst.

Cowbridge has three

## 'Don't bank on the EU'

**Y**OUR recent correspondent suggests a tax on financial transactions as a way to reduce the deficit.

He may not know that the EU already has its eye on this as a way to get its own independent source of income.

Do we suppose that

supermarkets and there are several large supermarkets, all within a 10-minute drive, which already make life difficult for our local shops. Eventually Cowbridge will lose its individual character and end up having more and more national chains that have no connection with the town.

The Birds are a local family hoping to continue making use of their assets, wishing to retain their ownership of the land on which Waitrose will have a lease.

This is perfectly understandable, but it would be a dreadful shame if the knock-on effect was, that the other family-owned businesses in Cowbridge may lose their livelihoods as a result, with the arrival of Waitrose.

In addition, according to statistics, there is 1.5 per cent unemployment in the Cowbridge area, so many of the 120 who will work at Waitrose will need to get here from elsewhere.

My understanding is that they will not be allowed to park in the Waitrose car park, so where will they park?  
**D Malone,**  
Llanblethian.

**Do you have something to get off your chest in 2011? If so, get in touch with The GEM and let us know what you think: email gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk**

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JANUARY 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
06 Thur	07.32	9.8	19.46	9.5
07 Fri	08.07	9.6	20.19	9.3
08 Sat	08.44	9.4	20.58	9.1
09 Sun	09.16	9.1	21.27	8.8
10 Mon	09.43	8.8	22.04	8.5
11 Tues	10.18	8.2	22.40	8.1
12 Wed	11.03	8.0	23.23	7.8
13 Thur	11.47	7.7		

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Colleagues thanked for their support

# PENARTH PHYSICIAN'S NEW YEAR'S HONOUR

A Penarth physician who was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours' list has paid tribute to the support of colleagues who worked with him at local hospitals over a period of more than 25 years.

Dr Ian Campbell, formerly consultant respiratory physician at the Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust, received the OBE for services to medicine but was quick to thank members of staff who had helped in his work.

Dr Campbell said: "My colleagues and staff have been a tremendous support for 25 to 30 years at Sully and Llandough Hospitals.

"When I opened the envelope informing me of the award, I was taken aback. My family are very pleased and



ABOVE:  
Dr Ian Campbell.

proud."

Dr Campbell qualified as a doctor at St George's Hospital in London in 1968, and was appointed a consultant when he arrived in Wales in 1978.

His work, which has included research, is in the field of chest and lung conditions.

One of the successes has been the introduction of a pioneering 'smoking cessation counsellor' which began in 1980 and continues to

this day.

Dr Campbell shuttled between Sully and Llandough Hospitals until his office in Sully closed in 2002 - since then he has been based in Llandough.

For the last 10 years Dr Campbell held a regular clinic at Barry Hospital.

Despite his love of medicine, Dr Campbell officially retired in February last year at the age of 66 - but for a very good reason.

"I owed it to my wife Anne who was appointed High Sheriff of South Glamorgan - I wanted to support her as consort."

Dr Campbell said that he hasn't forsaken medicine entirely.

"I have the position at Llandough Hospital of Honorary Consultant with the purpose of research.

"I still enjoy medicine and could be tutoring my wares in the future!"

## 'Town is for life not just for Christmas!'

I WOULD just like to take the time to acknowledge the recent effort and energy of the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the goodwill they have shown in the festive activities they staged in Barry Town Centre.

With a great tree taking pride of place in King Square (a great improvement on some

of the half-baked efforts we have seen in recent years, bah humbug) and several events throughout the evenings leading up to Christmas, the council should be proud.

This brought back memories of the community spirit that used to help line the streets for the carnival week and all of the activities that used to take place around Barry.

I recall that such activities brought with them a real sense of community, drawing communities together for fun and entertainment.

It is in difficult times like these when the community needs to come together to help to resolve issues.

It seems then from this that all is not lost and hopefully this represents a vision of things to come. It provides an ideal platform for the council to build upon throughout the year, to bring a community feel back to this great town.

It is with this in mind that I call upon the Vale Council to remember that a town is for life and not just for Christmas!  
Jeffrey Heathfield, Barry (FocusBARRY candidate for Dyfan ward)

## Things they found!

BARRY-BASED environmental group 'Friends of Barry Beaches' held their Boxing Day litter-pick on the Knap, with 18 volunteers braving the elements.

Six black bags of rubbish were collected and nine bags of recycling.

One of the items collected was a 10-inch knife, while the odddest things collected included a collection of seductive underwear!

Secretary of the group, Verity Allely, said that the next event will be on January 30 at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island, meeting by Marco's Cafe at 3pm.

# No closure date set for silence in (Barry) court

by TIM CHAPMAN

A DECISION on how long it will take to close the Vale magistrates court in Barry will depend on discussions with trade unions and how quickly cases can be moved to Cardiff without disruption.

Ninety three magistrates' courts in Wales and England are now earmarked for closure, and the earliest that any court will cease dispensing justice will be in April.

The GEM understands that local staff have yet to hear when the court will officially

close.

The fact that the Vale Magistrates Court sits five days a week means that it may take longer to work out the process of closure than part-time courts in other parts of Wales or England.

A spokesman for Her Majesty's Court Service explained: "Now decisions have been made, we can begin to develop the implementation plans for closures, including discussions with the trades unions and staff."

"We expect the first

courts to close in April 2011. Some courts would be very straightforward to close because they sit very infrequently and are not run as separate entities.

"We will work closely with staff and 'Bench Chairs' to decant work into receiving courts effectively without disruption to services."

Alun Cairns, the Vale MP, has said that he plans to meet the Minister responsible, Jonathan Djanogly, in a few days time to make a final plea for the court's future.

Mr Djanogly argues that reform of the courts estate will deliver a modern, efficient justice system "with victims and witnesses at its centre".

He has pledged a £22million investment to modernise the streamlined court system.

Mr Djanogly pointed out: "Access to justice is not just about access to buildings. It's about the type of justice delivered, decent facilities for victims and witnesses and efficient use of the system."

## AUDITIONS FOR MUSICAL

EXCITING times are promised by Penarth Operatic and Dramatic Society as it moves into a new season. In March it will be presenting Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*, and rehearsals start soon.

In May, it will be presenting *Cabaret*, a first for the amateur stage in this area. Rehearsals start on January 13 at All Saints Church Hall in Penarth. New members are welcomed to take part. Auditions will be held during the first week of February. Contact head of musicals Julia Dyke on 02920 706229 for further details.

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# FORMER LABOUR COUNCILLOR MAY NOW STAND FOR FocusBARRY

A former Labour Party councillor, who is now an independent on the Vale Council, has told The GEM that he may stand for FocusBARRY in the 2012 local elections.

Coun Richard Bertin, who represents the Court ward, said he liked the fact that the group had pledged to put the interests of Barry first.

Coun Bertin said: "I like what FocusBARRY stands for and what they are about and I am currently in discussions with the group about standing for them in 2012.

"It is a non-political, independent group which puts the interests of the town first. It is made up of members who have strong values and principles.

"They promise to listen to the views of the town and will make decisions openly and transparently. FocusBARRY consults with the public and will focus on issues that benefit the town."

Since leaving the Labour Party six months ago, Coun Bertin has worked with Llantwit First Independents.

He explained: "We have a lot in common. We are all independents, share a lot of common ground and provide a strong, effective opposition on the council.

"I am still an independent and not subject to any whip. Our alliance works really well. We are now part of a group on the council called the Vale of Glamorgan Council Independent Group which is a non-political, total-

ly independent free thinking group."

Coun Bertin added that despite his break with the Labour Party, he had remained friends with most of his former colleagues, although "we do not talk politics when we see each other".

Dennis Harkus, of FocusBARRY, confirmed that Coun Bertin had attended meetings of the group.

Mr Harkus said: "Our annual general meeting is taking place on January 14 at the Millwood Inn, and we will then be formally opening membership for our supporters.

"Involving, listening and acting with the community, are important aspects of our values and Richard is very supportive of that approach.

"We intend to serve the interests of Barry, by providing a platform for local people to improve the way our town is run and how decisions are taken, and Richard is really comfortable with that idea.

"We want local independent people to get involved with our project and he is keen to work with us."

Mr Harkus said that if Mr Bertin did stand for the group, he would not be restricted by party orders.

"As a FocusBARRY independent councillor, Richard would be free to express himself without the constraints of a political whip.

"He would have fundamental principles on which to base his judgements, and he would have supporters who believe that the primary responsibility of local councillors is to their community."



PC Meriel Blake, Llantwit Major School Liaison, Plaid Cymru AM Chris Franks, PC Emma Mudie, Penarth Schools Liaison.

## Aerospace business park still long-term aim of the Assembly

THE Welsh government will review its plans for an Aerospace Business Park once the future of MoD St Athan is decided by the Ministry of Defence, a Plaid AM has been told.

Plaid Cymru's finance spokesperson, Chris Franks, discussed the future of the St Athan base during a meeting with Deputy First Minister Ieuan Wyn Jones at the Senedd.

The South Wales Central AM met with Ieuan Wyn Jones after he received a letter from Llanmaes Community Council about future development at St Athan.

Mr Franks said: "I was told that the shape and size of the aerospace

park business park will have to change because the Westminster government scrapped the large scale defence training development that was proposed at St Athan.

"Many residents wish to know what is the future of the site. We all know that the UK Government has promised a further decision next spring, but from bitter experience, no-one has any faith in promises regarding St Athan.

"I also raised local concerns regarding the possibility of a large scale housing development if the aerospace park does not go ahead."

In a letter to Assembly Members Llanmaes Community Council have suggested that consideration could be given to constructing all of the Defence Training College 'within

the wire' thereby alleviating the need for acquisition of additional land around the site.

In a written Assembly question on St Athan, the Deputy First Minister Ieuan Wyn Jones said: "The Aerospace Business Park (ABP) development at St Athan received outline planning permission on December 1, 2009. The plans envisage a phased development over a 20-year timeframe, subject to market demand.

"We remain committed to developing the ABP in partnership with the private sector but may need to review the scale and shape, depending on what further plans the MoD announces in Spring 2011. We continue to receive interest in the site from aerospace companies through our marketing activities."

## Regional AM praises boost for activities

REGIONAL AM Chris Franks met police school liaison officers PC Meriel Blake and PC Emma Mudie at the Senedd.

PC Blake works as Llantwit Major Comprehensive School liaison and PC Emma Mudie works as the Penarth Schools liaison.

Mr Franks said: "It was a pleasure to meet PC Meriel Blake and PC Emma Mudie. The work these police officers do in our community and in schools across the Vale is very valuable.

"They have received £1,600 in January this year to buy 20 sets of waterproof clothing for use when mountain climbing.

"The money was provided by the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services through their 'Kick Start Three' scheme.

"The all-weather clothing means that children can take place all through the year, and not just in the summer."

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## Chain loses its appeal against pharmacy move

A BID by Boots to prevent a Penarth pharmacy moving to a new base has failed.

Regional Plaid AM Chris Franks reported that Welsh Health Minister Edwina Hart rejected an appeal by the national chain against the decision by the health board to allow Ivor Owen Ltd to re-locate from 5a Cornerswell Road to the site of a former Church of Wales school in Plassey Street.

Mr Franks, who lives in Dinas Powys, said: "While no one likes to lose amenities in Cornerswell Road, it may be that area is no longer financially viable, so a move to Plassey Street was probably necessary.

"I am surprised that a major national chain like Boots would lodge an objection against competition, but clearly the Minister is happy to confirm the decision of the health board," he commented.

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- 5 Your tree will be recycled in Cowbridge and you can collect free compost on the last Saturday of every month by appointment. Contact us to find out more.

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- 1 Either include it in your 'paper' recycling in your kerbside collection
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- 1 Either give them to schools participating in the Vale's Christmas card competition
- 2 Remove any jewels/foil/wire etc. and place them in your 'paper' kerbside collection.

#### Wrapping Paper:

- 1 Place in kerbside 'paper' collections. Please remove tape, gift tags and bows.

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# How the swift action of Barry First Responders meant one local family could celebrate Christmas

**THE** Benavent family from Barry had a very good reason to celebrate this Christmas – mum Dionisia's life was saved earlier in the year – thanks to the quick response of the local emergency services.

Dionisia Benavent, aged 61, was on a holiday visit from the Philippines to her daughter Rhona in Barry, when she went into cardiac arrest at Rhona's home.

Dionisia thought she was going to die.

But an emergency call brought a volunteer first responder with a defibrillator to Maes y Cwm Road in just over three minutes, a rapid response paramedic in just over seven minutes and a full ambulance crew in little more than 12 minutes.

Thanks to Rhona administering CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) from the time her mother stopped breathing, her mum cheated death and enjoyed Christmas with Rhona, Rhona's husband Matthew and her two grandchildren.

Rhona, aged 33, a deputy ward manager at Llandough Hospital, was recruited as a nurse from the Philippines and came to south Wales in April 2002, leaving behind her parents Dionisia and Roberto, and three of her brothers. She has two other brothers who live in Canada.

Her mum, who has asthma and diabetes, arrived for a visit at the end of July.

Rhona explained: "I'd

## RAFA meeting

**THE Barry RAFA branch will meet on Tuesday, January 11, at 7pm in the Barry Air Cadets headquarters behind Adams' Funeral Parlour, Barry.**

All former RAF personnel and those still serving in the RAF will be welcomed.

## Aviation society

IS gliding the purest form of flying? Mr David Ephraim, an experienced glider pilot will be taking a completely unbiased and humorous look at the advantages of gliding over power flying in his talk (with slides) to Penarth Aviation Society on Friday, January 7.

"Being high above ground, sharing a thermal with the birds, you are," he says, "very aware of the atmosphere and of working with the sur-



Barry First Responder Bryan Foley with Rhona Benavent and her mum, Dionisia Macatangay.

asked her to come over because Matthew had been very unwell and had spent all of May in hospital with viral encephalitis. I was emotionally very upset and asked my mum to come over to give me some support."

But one day in August while Rhona was at work, she had a telephone call from Matthew to say her mum was ill and complaining of chest pains.

"I didn't think she had a heart problem and she told me she had had a medical check-up with the family GP in the Philippines before she left. So I thought it was probably the change in the climate from the humidity of the Philippines."

"I asked the ward manager if I could go home and see her and when I arrived she was in bed and she told me she felt a stabbing pain in the chest going towards the left arm."

"Five minutes later she was on her right side, clutching her rosary. She was grey and had stopped breathing. I screamed for my husband to ring 999 and started to administer CPR."

"I'd done CPR a long time ago in the Philippines, but I never thought I would be using it on my mother!"

"I really banged on her chest and after a few minutes I saw her gasping for air and I thought my mother is still here!"

roundings."

There are several gliding clubs in south and mid Wales, and Mr Ephraim, who is secretary of PAS, flies from Glynneath.

Penarth Aviation Society meets on the first Friday of each month at the Conservative Club in Penarth at 7.45pm.

Visitors are welcome, free of charge, though a small contribution to funds would be appreciated.

For further information, telephone the secretary on 01446 721321.

"My husband had rung the ambulance and told them he thought she was dead. We managed to get her on the floor and I did not want to stop the CPR. Bryan, the first responder, was here in no time and he told me to continue with the CPR while he got the defib machine."

"The ambulance service really did a great job. My mother is very shy but I know she wants to thank everyone so much for what they did in saving her life."

After the ambulance service took over, Mrs Macatangay was soon in Llandough where she was stabilised and then transferred to University Hospital of Wales.

She was still in a critical condition and Rhona had to tell her father, Roberto, to come over to south Wales in case the worst happened.

After some anxious moments, Rhona's mum was eventually well enough to be discharged on September 14, almost three weeks after being admitted.

After undergoing an operation herself early in the year, her husband's serious illness and then her mother's near brush with death, Rhona said: "It has not been my year. I keep thinking 2011 has got to be better!"

Barry mortgage advisor Bryan Foley has been a first responder for more than six years. From the moment he received the call at his home, to arriving at Rhona's house, was just 3 minutes 27 seconds.

Bryan said: "At the time I arrived in the house Rhona was giving her mother CPR in the bedroom. To arrive at a

call and find someone administering on-going CPR is a rarity."

In less than a minute Bryan was being informed by the defibrillator machine that a shock needed to be administered to the patient who was in cardiac arrest.

There was no response so CPR continued and by the time a second shock was administered, Bryan's first responder partner James Jenkins had arrived to assist.

Rapid response vehicle paramedic Gareth Williams arrived as a third shock was being applied:

He recalled: "I remember the lady was in cardiac arrest and first responders Bryan and James were doing their bit and I intubated the patient. There were quite a few people in the house and they were very distraught."

Gareth had arrived on the scene in just seven and a half minutes and the ambulance crew just five minutes after that. Within an hour and a half Mrs Macatangay was on her way to Llandough Hospital to be transferred later to University Hospital Wales.

"Rhona did a remarkable job," said Bryan. "The more people get to do CPR the easier it will make the ambulance's job, the better the chance of survival and better the outcome."

A new Vale course for volunteer First Responders starts in March. Details on the website [www.vale-responders-wales.org.uk](http://www.vale-responders-wales.org.uk) or call Bryan on 0777 965 8331.

## Electricity cut off in Penarth

**A total of 10,000 homes in Penarth were without electricity for an hour on Tuesday evening, January 4.**

A spokeswoman for Western Power Distribution told The GEM: "The power went off at 6.59pm and was back on supply by 8pm. There were 10,000 homes affected."

"The problem was caused at a sub-station in the town, but electricity was back within an hour."

The spokesperson added that the reason for the fault had not yet been identified.

## Sainsbury's licence application for proposed Park Crescent store

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A Sainsbury's spokeswoman said the company knew local people had raised the issue of parking and the licence application.

She said: "We are aware of the concerns that have been raised regarding parking. We plan the operation of all our stores very carefully and as part of the planning process, a full transport assessment has been undertaken."

"We are confident that the provision of 15 car parking spaces will easily accommodate the minority of customers wishing to

drive to the store. Our convenience stores are aimed at those people living close by who are able to walk to the store."

"The safety of our customers and colleagues is of the utmost importance to us and the store will be operated with respect for the local community. We will deliver to the store off the road and from the car park, prior to the store opening and before the school run, to ensure we limit any impact on the local roads."

"We are applying for a licence to sell alcohol at the store during trading hours, from 7am-11pm."

Sainsbury's takes its responsibilities as a licensed retailer very seriously and we have introduced a "Think 25" policy at all our stores to help prevent the sale of alcohol to minors.

"It is important to remember that the vast majority of Sainsbury's shoppers drink responsibly and buy alcohol as part of their weekly shop."

She added: "We believe that the store will be a positive addition to the community by providing greater choice, especially for those wishing to shop locally or who do not have a car."

## Are the public's expectations in bad weather unrealistic?

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Mr Blakeman added:

"Obviously, the Vale Council has to prioritise major roads when gritting, but additional grit points in areas most likely to be affected by snow makes it easier for local residents to deal with the snow themselves, rather than wait for a gritter to come along."

"We need to include this in our forward planning, so that the elderly and those with cars on residential roads can travel safely."

Research from the older people's charity, Independent Age, seems

to back up Mr Hooper's argument that people could be more proactive.

The research showed that the public has unrealistic expectations of councils clearing pavements this winter and they are often left untouched during severe weather conditions.

The charity says it means thousands of older people find themselves at risk of injury or unable to leave their homes for days or weeks at a time, as ungritted pavements are left in a blanket of ice and snow.

Independent Age director of policy, Simon Bottery, said: "Our research shows that it's

time for a grown-up debate between residents and councils about what is really going to happen during spells of snow and ice."

"With councils facing 27 per cent cuts in funding over the next few years, we may all have to accept that their services are unlikely to expand and that we need to pull together, as communities, to help."

According to the Independent Age survey, half of us expect either local or national government to clear winter ice and snow from the pavements outside our homes, despite the fact that councils rarely grit more than a few of their

main pedestrian areas.

Independent Age said it is calling for councils to be clearer about what people can expect during the winter weather and for them to issue advice encouraging, rather than discouraging, people to lend a helping hand.

The charity adds it is vital that families and neighbours understand the problems faced by older people, allowing them to step in and take action if necessary.

That may mean helping to clear snow and ice themselves, offering a neighbour a lift in a car, or offering to do the shopping for an older person who may be struggling to get out.

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# Barry's brave swimmers in Boxing Day dip!

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A well wrapped up Andy Wicks was on hand to capture the eccentric swimmers and the less adventurous spectators.

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ANDY WICKS**

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**LEFT:**  
Another balmy day  
in Barry.

## Arthur in for a soaking, on behalf of Clic!

ON Sunday January 23, local funeral director Arthur Thompson will be going into the sea to raise funds for Clic Sargent, the children's cancer charity.

Arthur explained: "As part of our commitment to the community, we carry out various community activities each year."

"In the past AG Adams & Son staff in Barry have raised funds for RNLI, Ty Hafan, Latch, George Thomas Hospice, Holme Tower Hospice as well as smaller unknown local charities."

"I am in need of sponsorship for an event



**ABOVE:** Arthur Thompson.

which only requires me to run into the sea and out again, but I am willing to stay in the sea for as long as possible and will at some point be completely submerged. Every penny I raise will be used for the children."

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# Protecting the vulnerable as the cuts bite

**THE** Christmas break always gives the space to think, read, discuss and plan for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of the new year ahead.

This year has been no exception, especially with the time spent at home with the family, or out enjoying walks in Barry and the rest of the Vale. Thank goodness we have Valeways to guide us in excellently-planned walks, such as the one 20 of us did on Boxing Day through the snow and ice!

Keeping in touch at the office and via the Blackberry, we were able to pick up issues and problems faced by many people as a result of the snow in the days leading up to Christmas until the thaw last week, but there will be many more to deal with this week and at my first surgery of the year on Friday, January 7 at 115 High Street, Barry from 4pm-6pm.

Our thanks must go to all those who worked so hard throughout the cold weather to support the vulnerable, to clear the roads, treat patients, care for the elderly, deal with heating problems and many emergencies.

However, there has been time to prepare for the year ahead with the Welsh Assembly budget debates in January and February, the campaign for the March 3 Referendum to give Wales more powers over legislation – and, of course, the forthcoming Assembly elections in May for its fifth term, after 12 years of devolution in Wales.

My focus as a Minister is on the budget and I have found a number of my Christmas books very helpful. In the book *Crisis and Recovery: Ethics, economy and Justice*, Rowan Williams and Larry Elliott bring together a broad range of commentators on the current financial challenges we face.

They say: "The financial crisis is about more than money. It is also about morality, casting an uncomfortable light on the links between the activities of bankers and the wellbeing of society as a whole. The idea that economics is morally neutral or that finance should be above ethical scrutiny deserves to be challenged."

This collection of essays should be essential reading for any finance minister, but also for those who scrutinise us as well. There has been much comment over the holiday period of the wisdom and/or risk of the UK Government's 2010 June

## ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM  
(Assembly Minister for business and budget)

and October budgets and their impacts on the economy, as well as people's lives as fuel duty increases 0.76p a litre on both petrol and diesel, banks pay a 0.05 per cent levy on their balance sheets, rising to 0.075 per cent in 2012, and VAT rises to 20 per cent this week.

This is where we come in to consider our responsibilities and our room for manoeuvre in Wales in managing a budget, handed down to us by the Westminster Government with a £860m cut next year and our budget will be lower by £1.8bn over the next three years with a 40 per cent cut to our capital funds.

That is why we have to be clear about our ethics and responsibilities to protect the vulnerable and to support the fragile economic recovery and the educational entitlements of our young people.

It is the assessment of the Institute of Fiscal Studies that "90 per cent of the Spending Review package is regressive."

Their analysis of the June 2010 budget was that the tax and benefit changes are regressive rather than progressive. "The poorest 30 per cent of households are feeling more of the pain than the top 2 per cent."

So our budget is all the more important for us to protect, defend and safeguard our public services in Wales, as far as we are able, and in doing so, support the economic renewal of Wales.

As well as deciding that Welsh students will not pay extra tuition fees, we have decided to keep the educational maintenance allowances and support people who are made redundant with the ReAct II programme which will come into force on April 1 in Wales.

The new programme will be providing an increased wage subsidy to employers who recruit a redundant person, as long as the job provides a minimum of 25 hours work a week or more.

At the end of January, the Child Trust Fund which has given each new-born child £250 will be scrapped by the UK Government.

In Wales, we introduced a Welsh premium of £50 to the scheme for all eligible children living in Wales and our scheme further topped up the accounts of low income families by a further £50.

We have looked for ways to continue to support children who are most in need, as this Trust Fund sought to do, providing an important financial asset for the future and have decided to target our funds for disabled and looked after children with an additional £3m invested in the coming years.

There are many other ways we are seeking to use our powers and resources to safeguard, adapt and develop schemes and programmes that are working in Wales, to protect the vulnerable and support our public services; such as the £110m funding I announced before Christmas for the NHS.

This will enable more care to be delivered closer to people's homes, ease demand on hospital treatment, and help the NHS as it comes under added winter pressures.

I believe, and hope, that these measures will bear the hallmark of a government in Wales that seeks to be ethical and just, whilst playing its part in the reduction of the deficit.

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## Honours joy for local businessmen

# Former pleasure park owner's 'tourism' OBE

Mr John Collins, who jointly owned Barry Island Pleasure Park from 1966 to 1983, received an OBE in the New Year's Honours' list for services to tourism.

Mr Collins has had a 40-year career in operating and developing theme parks and attractions, not just in south Wales and England, but also in Spain.

He is currently in Gloucester Royal Hospital suffering with a bout of pneumonia, but his wife Cherie, a Barry girl herself, told The GEM: "The award was wonderful news –

I know just how hard he has worked. He was absolutely thrilled to bits with it.

"Our son Michael, who works with John and is a research economist, was over the moon too."

Mr Collins, who now lives in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, is originally from Litchfield, but lived in Llancarfan and Sully during the time he was involved with the Island's pleasure park.

Mr Collins' grandfather Pat Collins operated bioscopes and travelling fairs and was the founder of the Pleasure

Park at Barry Island.

After selling his interest in the park, John Collins joined Madame Tussauds Ltd and helped set up the Tussauds Group Theme Parks Division.

Since leaving the south Wales area, he has served in a number of high-profile positions in the tourism and leisure industries, as the chairman of The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions and president of Europarks which is the Federation of European Theme Park and Attractions



ABOVE: John Collins.

Association. He has also been the chairman of the British Association of Leisure Parks Piers and Attractions.

## New Year MBE for fishmonger

A fourth generation fishmonger, who has made a major contribution to the south Wales fishing industry, was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours' list.

John Adams, aged 80 from Penarth, only became a fishmonger after his father lured him into joining the family business against his mother's wishes!

Mr Adams explained: "My mother didn't want me to join the family business. She wanted me to have a posh job with nice, well-mannered people, rather than one with fish merchants and fish mongers!"

At that time, in 1948, Mr Adams was on a weekly wage of £2, 3s, 2d. But his father tempted him with a significant wage rise to £3.

"I took up the offer and began working with my father at 16 Glebe Street. My mother wasn't too happy."

In 1973, he bought Ashton Fishmongers based in Cardiff Central Market – a family business which

had been established in 1800.

Mr Adams has served on a number industry bodies over the years – for 10 years he was treasurer of the National Federation of Fishmongers; he served on the Seafish Industry Authority board, and was chairman of its technology committee, and a member of the whitefish and shellfish committees too.

During his career he has sourced fish – sometime exotic varieties – from as far afield as the Mediterranean, Alaska, Chile and the Seychelles.

News of the award delighted Mr Adams.

"I knew in mid-November, when I got a letter from the cabinet office nominating me, but had to keep it strictly confidential."

"It was a surprise, but nice to be recognised."

The family's involvement in the fishing industry has continued into a fifth generation with sons Jonathan and Nicholas who are co-owners of Ashton Fishmongers in Cardiff.

## PORPOISES DIED IN 'LEGAL' NETS

TWO porpoises that were found trapped in nets at Aberthaw died in an "unfortunate" incident – according to the findings of an Assembly report.

The Rural Affairs Minister Elin Jones AM, recently reported back to Plaid Cymru AM Chris Franks, regarding the deaths of porpoises and smooth hounds sharks at Aberthaw beach.

In September, 2010, 17 dead fish were seen on the beach after they were trapped by trammel nets.

Mr Franks, who represents the Vale, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Cardiff, said: "I am pleased that Elin Jones has investigated these deaths. It was reported that up to 15 smooth hounds, a type of shark and two porpoises were trapped in the nets."

In her letter, Elin Jones described the incident as "unfortunate". She replied: "I can confirm that one of my fisheries enforcement officials was on routine patrol at Aberthaw on September 29 when an angler brought the presence of two harbour porpoises to his attention."

"They had become entangled in a fixed gill net, which has been set

out legitimately and in accordance with the regulations in the intertidal zone.

"A number of other fish were present, mainly smooth hound and one or two whitefish. Smooth hounds are relatively common throughout Welsh coastal waters and all around the UK, especially in the south and west."

"The porpoises were extracted from the net and a local cetacean rescue charity was contacted to arrange collection for possible autopsy by the National History Museum."

"My officials working in south Wales report that, in their experience, cetacean capture in intertidal fixed nets is a very rare occurrence in south Wales."

"My officials further report the porpoises had been caught accidentally in a legally set net, which was appropriately marked and was of correct mesh size."

"Fishery regulations in Wales have stricter netting controls than anywhere else in the UK, but unfortunately unintentional by-catch incidents such as these can sometimes occur."

## The Vale returns to normal after heavy snowfalls

FOLLOWING the pre-Christmas snowfall, which brought disruption to the Vale, normal services slowly resumed in the lead up to the New Year.

Vale Council services were back to normal by December 27.

A council spokeswoman said: "Our refuse and recycling teams worked tirelessly over the Christmas and New Year period, making collections every day when the weather allowed."

"All refuse and recycling arrangements are now back to normal, however we'd advise people to check their recycling calendars to make sure they're aware of which items are due to be picked up on their next scheduled recycling day in January, and which they'll need to hold on to until the appropriate week."

"Our fleet of ten gritters, assisted by seven JCBs, and our hardworking teams were out constantly during the snow to clear routes around the Vale."

"Our 200 plus salt bins were refilled as often as possible, where needed."

"Social services continued to provide essential services during

the snow, assisted by the council's visible services department where access was an issue."

"This included the use of 4x4s for the Meals on Wheels service for Christmas Day and Boxing Day with normal service resumed once the snow and ice had cleared."

In some parts of Barry there were calls for the Vale Council to re-examine its policy on grit bins with the northern part of the town still in the grip of snow when it had melted elsewhere (see letters page 2).

Sporting fixtures were frozen off due to the poor weather, but other annual events took place as normal.

Undaunted by the extremes of weather, swimmers in Barry ventured into the freezing waters not once, but twice – for a Boxing Day dip and New Year's Day swim.

The traditional Boxing Day Glamorgan Hunt, which starts off in Cowbridge, was held this year on December 27 – again due to the weather. When the hunt did meet up, it drew a large crowd of spectators.

## A festive smile from Tobias!

THE many people in the Vale who have followed the story of six-year-old Tobias Lunnion, who was paralysed in a road collision in August, will be delighted to hear that he had a wonderful Christmas.

He remains in Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge with his mother Fiona at his side.

She told The GEM: "Tobias had a lovely Christmas. He woke up with a big smile when he heard me singing 'We wish you a Merry Christmas.'"

"I then turned his head towards the tree so that he could see that Santa had been."

"I had dropped the presents off when he was fast asleep, and the smile got even bigger."

"After all the presents were opened he said: 'Santa got me everything that I wanted.'"

"His main present was a DSi. He also had a 'Dave monkey' that is remote control, a melodica instrument, craft activities, a science book, and a Dragonology book."

"We had a lovely day. That night he got the nurses to call me to find out if I had got back to my room okay and to say 'Thank you mama for a lovely day. I had a great time.'"

## Missing woman: Police issue appeal

South Wales Police are appealing for information about the whereabouts of 50-year-old Marian Brailey-Tucker, who went missing from the Princess of Wales hospital on Christmas Eve at 9pm.

A spokesperson said: "Marian is originally from the Penarth area. She has access to a Silver Renault Clio, registration number

CP04 KNK and is described as, white, 5ft 8in tall, of stocky build, with black wavy hair."

"She was last seen wearing a black cardigan, a black top with grey hearts on, a black skirt and a long grey coat."

"She was also wearing black boots with a gold braid."

Anyone with information should contact Bridgend Police station, on 01656 655555.

## Businessman lands contract

BHBI, which is one of the UK's leading specialist providers of professional audit training and is owned by Barry businessman Paul Haley, has signed a contract with RSM Tenon, part of the global RSM network.

Mr Haley told The GEM: "We are delighted to be announcing our contract with RSM Tenon, and are extremely pleased to be working with a company that has such an internationally recognised reputation

within the internal audit, risk management and accounting industry."

BHBI will be providing training venues through its partnership with the Holiday Inn Academy Centres in Cardiff and London, and will also use RSM Tenon premises around the country.

Congratulating BHBI on the news, the Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "This demonstrates a thriving business initiative in south Wales, which delivers state-of-the-art training."

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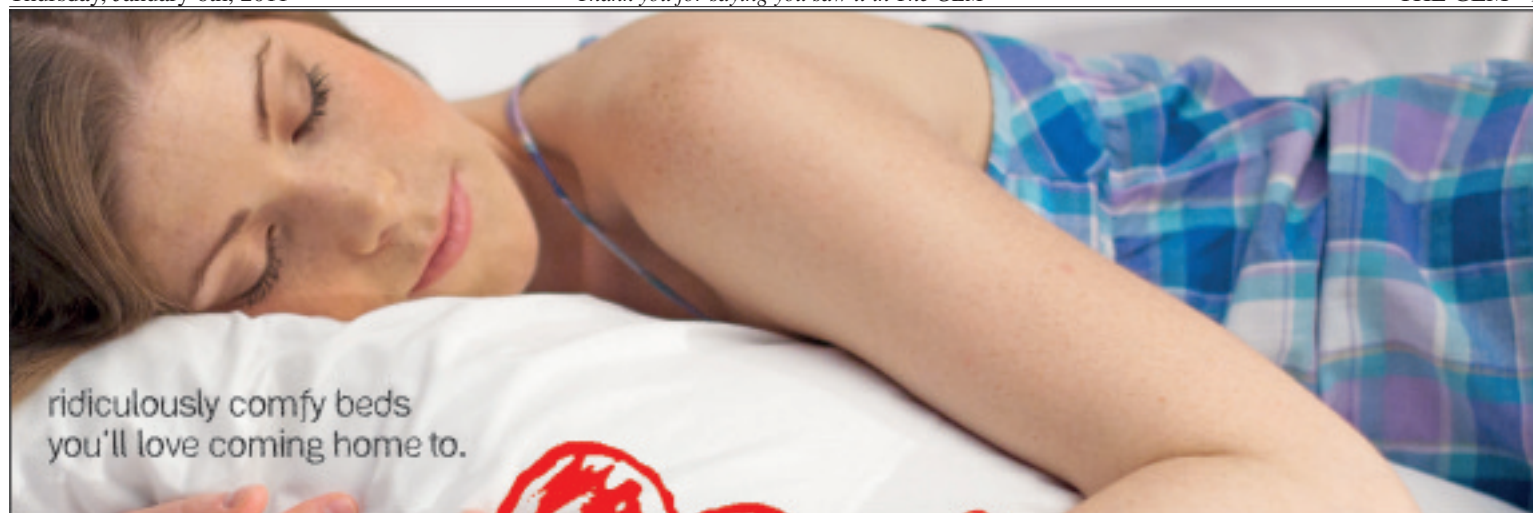
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## PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS ROUND-UP

# Striding into the new year in festival mood!

**T**HE Festival of Winter Walks on New Year's Eve saw 16 walkers and dogs Jodie, Bronte and Bracken turning out to join their leaders John and Janet at Cosmeston on a rather dull, dry and fairly warm morning.

The mood was high and everyone who had not taken part in a previous festival walk seemed delighted to be out enjoying some fresh air and freedom, although it was very muddy underfoot after the snow had thawed.

During medieval times, Cosmeston was once an area of fields and farmland, although it was poor for growing crops because of underlying limestone and natural springs that kept the land wet.

Between the 1890s and 1970, there was an active commercial limestone quarry that served the nearby concrete factory, and even then the area was constantly pumped to keep it dry.

After the Schooner Inn was built, the pumping ceased and the area was allowed to fill natu-



New Year in Swanbridge.

rally with spring water, creating the lakes that we see now, which are up to 60 feet deep.

Taking the dog-route past the lovely thatched cottages in the medieval village, with sheep grazing in the meadow, the group made their way into fields past the ruins of the old dovecote.

Climbing gently on their muddy route towards Home Farm, they made their way around the barn to the grassy triangle at the junction of Cog Road and Sully Road.

Here they viewed the ancient stone well that was found when workmen came to erect a traffic sign, almost in the spot where the then hidden well was located.

They drilled down, found the well and ended up having to move the sign onto terra firma to make it secure!

A short walk down Cog Road led them past

the Sully Inn and the village church dedicated to St John the Baptist, which dates back to around 1093 when, during the Norman Conquest, Reginald de Sully from France, obtained the Manor of Sully and founded the church.

The group headed south and followed the coastal path through the sports ground to reach the lane which they followed to Swanbridge and paused for refreshment while gazing at nearby Sully Island, connected to the mainland by a rocky causeway which is only accessible at low tide.

This coastline boasts the second highest rise and fall of tide in the world and many lives have been lost over the years, with people not wanting to be marooned, trying to cross and being swept away.

Swanbridge was for

several hundred years a commercial harbour and port, and cargo was taken to Cardiff via St Mary's Well Road.

The group walked past Sully House and the entire length of St Mary's Well Bay Road to cross Lavernock Road and re-enter Cosmeston Park.

On January 8, please note the change to the planned programme walk, which will now be done in reverse order.

Meet at 8.45am at Cogan to travel to the Storey Arms to catch a bus into Brecon Town, before the linear eight-mile moderate walk back; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

On January 9, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a 9.5-mile easy/moderate walk at Kenfig and Porthcawl; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

JOY STRANGWARD



## Celebrating 100 years of Girl Guiding



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Christmas carol concert was held at St Helen's Church, Barry, for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Leaders and the Trefoil Guild of Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan.

All members have been celebrating 100 years of guiding during 2010. The girls compared Christmas in 1910 with Christmas present, and thought about people who may not have a nice Christmas.

The girls all sang carols old and new and collections of gifts and money were taken for Help for Heroes and senior citizens.

Barry Rangers, who are also known as the senior section, took part in the service, collecting the gifts and money. They also narrated the service.

Last week, the Rangers spent an evening wrapping more than 100 gifts for the senior citizens of Barry and delivering them to nursing homes in the area.

The senior section are aged 14-18. If anyone is interested in joining the group, call 07850 058166.

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Girlguiding needs more leaders. If you are 18-65 and enjoy working with young people, and have a sense of fun, adventure and excitement, you could be just what we need!

There are Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and senior section groups across the Vale that need your time and enthusiasm. Telephone 07850 058166 for more information.

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## It's a Havana honeymoon for local councillor

**RIGHT:** The happy couple cut their wedding cake. They then left for their honeymoon in Cuba.



THE VALE Labour councillor for the Castleland ward in Barry, Chris Elmore, and his partner Kandi Morrissey, celebrated their marriage in mid-November, and then travelled to Cuba for their honeymoon.

The couple, who have been together for six and half years, married in a small ceremony at Miskin Manor Hotel, with close family and friends present.

Mrs Elmore, originally from the Rhondda, made Barry her home three and half years ago, and is currently serving as consort to the Deputy Mayor of Barry, as well as working as a rehabilitation mental health nurse in Cardiff.

Coun Chris Elmore said: "We would like to thank everyone for making our day one to remember."

"I would also like to thank the many constituents who sent cards and gave us their best wishes; it is greatly appreciated."

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## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

# 'Banks must help meet deficit, but we mustn't drive them out of UK'



**Vale MP Alun Cairns** reports to GEM readers

**T**HIS is a great opportunity to wish GEM readers a happy and successful New Year.

It is interesting to note that many predictions are made at this time of year about the 12 months ahead; on the lighter side – from astrologists in daily newspapers to Old Moore's Almanac and then to the more serious, established economists, business and political leaders.

Focussing on the more serious predictions, it is obvious that 2011 will be an extremely challenging year for the nation financially.

We are still paying almost £120million per day in interest on the nation's debt – and that is without reducing the country's borrowing in any way!

This is an astronomical level and this year we will pay more in interest on the debt than we will spend on the UK's education system.

Failing to take the necessary actions and not cutting back would only make matters worse.

At the very least, it would mean even deeper cut-backs in the future – or even worse, the downgrading of the country's credit rating, which would make it more difficult for the nation to finance its needs.

### HIGHER CHARGES

This would lead to even higher charges on our debts and ultimately could lead to a government failing to pay its dues.

We've seen this partly in Ireland and Greece and are told that Spain and Portugal could follow suit.

The cut-backs they have experienced will be much harsher than ours.

There is a tendency to blame the banks. Certainly, they need to accept their responsibility.

However, I think that the last government, who were responsible for regulating the banks, need to accept their role in allowing the nation to be exposed in such a way.

### REPAYING THE DEBT

Therefore, banks do need to help repay the debt through additional levies.

It is also fair to note that simply taxing them to a level where they would be uncompetitive or to drive some of the best business brains to Switzerland, would not be in the nation's interest.

*For those reasons, I am absolutely certain that as so many predict a tough year ahead, we all have our part to play, including bankers.*

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## NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

## Creativity is celebrated at awards night



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collect the best  
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Awards, where  
Nicky Turner's  
music video  
'Superman vs Me'  
won best regional  
film.

Two films were short-listed for best overall film: Liam Kelly and Chris Thomas's short film 'The Disappearance', and Norwegian students Anders Rorlien and Helen Andvik's superb film noir short 'Behind the Lies'.

The best overall film for the awards was scooped by 'Behind the Lies', and it won a new camera, tripod and microphone for the media department.

This was donated by the sponsor for this award, Sony.

**TV follow-up**  
Mike Talbot, the series

producer for ITV Wales This Week, visited Barry Comprehensive School recently to film a report following up on a programme broadcast earlier in the year looking at the school effectiveness framework.

Professor David Egan, a special advisor for education to the Assembly, and director of the Centre for Applied Education Research at the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, who featured in the original report, also returned to give his perspective on recent developments in education.

David Swallow, headteacher, commented, "We were delighted to welcome Professor Egan and the Wales This Week team back to the school."

"The school's continued development was again recognised, as was the role it plays within the school effectiveness framework."

"Daniel Saunders, the pupil who was fea-



*Professor David Egan being interviewed by Mike Talbot in the Barry Comprehensive School art department.*

tured so prominently in the original programme, has continued to take an active role in performing arts at the school, most recently in our production of *West Side Story*."

The report was broadcast during Wales This Week on Thursday, December 9.

Jonathan Hill narrated this special edition, which gave updates on stories that had featured on Wales This Week during 2010.



**RIGHT:**  
The team (from  
left to right):  
Jack Feureisen,  
David Bryan,  
Chad Clark,  
Keighley Hayman,  
Ms Edwards,  
Josh Peacock,  
George Crowther  
and Jac Jones.



*David Swallow, headteacher, being interviewed by Mike Talbot in the Barry Comprehensive learning resource centre.*

## Giant slide, hook-a-duck and a visit from Santa at Romilly festive fayre

**RAIN** failed to dampen the spirits of the Friends of Romilly School and there was a good turn-out for the Christmas fayre.

There was lots going on, including a giant inflatable slide, hook-a-duck, face-painting, a real fire engine and a chance to visit Father Christmas in Romilly's very own grotto.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and many also enjoyed a mince pie and a cup of tea, courtesy of the Romilly Christmas canteen.

JP



## Barry Island pupils in 'Digital Nation' launch



Front row (left to right): Georgia Meredith, Olivia Ahmed, Monique Heffernan and Lacy Sjodin with Welsh Ministers Lesley Griffiths, Ieuan Wyn Jones, Carwyn Jones and Jane Hutt.

**YOUNG** pupils from Barry Island Primary School played an important role at the launch of the Welsh Assembly Government's 'Delivery a Digital Wales' strategy, which sets out plans to ensure that Wales – its people, business-

es, public sector organisations – have the skills, infrastructure and ability to benefit from rapidly evolving digital technologies.

The school, which has already been voted the best primary school in the UK for its ICT excel-

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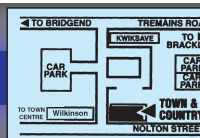


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Children from year-6.



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ABOVE: Shepherds.

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AT the last meeting one of our members, Ian Birchenough, spoke with authority on the subject of the London taxis he spent many years driving.

He divided his talk into two sections. The first dealt with the history of what is still known today as the London Black Cab. The second part dealt with the tough examination all prospective London cabbies have to take, known in vulgar parlance, as 'The Knowledge'.

On the historical side, Ian informed members that the first royal charter to allow the conveyance of passengers was granted in medieval times to allow ferrymen to do this legally on the River Thames.

In 1625, a friend of Sir Walter Raleigh was granted a licence to ply for hire from the Maypole in the Strand. The conveyances used became known as Hackney Carriages after the sturdy French horses used to pull these four wheelers. In 1697, a fitness law was passed which required every Hackney Carriage to carry a bale of hay and this is still in force today, although only honoured in the breach.

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Mr Birchenough then gave details about 'The Knowledge'. This is the thorough test for which applicants must be 21 years of age, although there is no upper limit.

About 50 drivers of all ages present themselves before the examiners every week in the hope that they will eventually be passed as fit to join the 25,000 licenced cab drivers in the Metropolis.

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At the next meeting on January 6, Mike Wilcock will speak on his life as a dance promoter in the 1960s. Meetings are held at 10.30am on Thursdays in the hall of the United Reformed Church in Barry. New members are very welcome.

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## The Way Back makes for a mundane journey

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Terrence Malick is perhaps the most notable of these, averaging a film every seven years, yet Peter Weir isn't that far behind him, the Australian director having shied away from the big screen since 2003's *Master and Commander*.

However, Weir makes his return with *The Way Back*, set in a Siberian gulag in 1940. It stars Jim Sturgess as Janusz, a Polish soldier who finds himself ensconced in the gulag and sentenced to hard labour.

Deciding he wants to escape, he teams up with several other men (among them Colin Farrell and Ed Harris) in order to do so; but having escaped the gulag, the men find that they might not be able to escape the elements as they begin the long and arduous trek to India, and hopeful salvation...

Peter Weir's seeming allergy to regular film-making means that when he does take on a project the feeling is that it is going to be something special; after all, films

such as *The Truman Show*, *Gallipoli* and *Picnic at Hanging Rock* are easily classics in their own right.

So the fact that Weir agreed to take charge of this hugely inspiring story (the origins of which have been questioned since the film's release) obviously meant that *The Way Back* would be a film that would live in the exalted company of the above mentioned films... except it doesn't.

Instead, the end product has the class and skill you would expect from a director of Weir's calibre, yet the story itself, no matter how impressive, comes across as quite dull and formulaic, spoiling what could have been a really good film.

The fault certainly doesn't lie with Weir in visual terms, the director always having a wonderful eye and here, given long landscapes and vistas to work with, he creates a film that is visually gorgeous.

Given that the film was produced in part by National Geographic, you can see where the inspiration comes from, the film resembling at times one you would find on their channel, with Weir's direction lending them a hugely cinematic feel.

The Siberian wastelands and the Gobi desert are framed with such elegance that Weir more than holds up his end of the bargain, the film looking stunning –

### SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

it is just a shame that the story's translation to screen wasn't handled with the same amount of care.

It certainly starts strong, the opening showing how Janusz has been betrayed by a wife who has suffered unimaginable tortures to make her talk about her husband, and our first impression of life in the gulag hitting home strongly; but after that the usual meeting of loose allies with a common goal begins and it bears little difference to the many other 'break-out' films that you've seen.

You have the noble hero Janusz, the stoical one (Ed Harris' Mr Smith), the loose cannon who may or may not be trusted (Farrell's Valka) and a rag tag mob of secondary characters.

Where Keith R Clarke and Weir's screenplay doesn't work is in drawing any tension out of the group. A pre-credit caption informs us that three men make it to India, so we're aware that we'll be losing cast members on the way, but rather than play up the inter-group relationships, instead the pair only rarely mine that particular strand, the film instead blandly concentrating on heroism rather than the dynamics of this group of men struggling to escape.

Similarly, given that they have escaped from the gulag, there are very few moments of any genuine peril for the

group, no threat of being caught or found by the Russians who imprisoned them.

While it may well indeed be closer to the tale spun by Slavomir Rawicz, upon whose book the film is based, it is very dull in storytelling terms, making it feel episodic and lacking in verve and surprise.

The performances help to elevate the film to a degree, with Sturgess in the lead doing an engaging turn as the film's key protagonist. Telling the story from his point of view and showing his desire to eventually return home makes him the most engaging character here, and Sturgess' performance is solid and rootable, the instigator of this plan to escape taking on more and more responsibility as things start to go out of control for the group.

Similarly, Ed Harris is never less than a watchable onscreen presence, and his turn as Mr Smith, an American captured by the Russians, is just that, the grizzled character softening as the group's journey goes on.

The rest of the cast are just there to make up the numbers, though Colin Farrell is compelling though under-

written as the criminal who forces his way into Janusz's plans, while Saoirse Ronan offers a pleasing yet slight turn as a girl the group find on their way.

But despite the best efforts of the cast, it doesn't help them that the script makes you feel emotionally distant from them and their aims.

It is the inability to draw emotion, the lack of conflict and an engaging story that make *The Way Back* a somewhat less-than-compelling piece of work.

While Weir's visual abilities make it a wondrous sight to behold, the script's weaknesses make it a disappointing return for the director, and an underwhelming film in general.

**VERDICT:** Something of a letdown, given the prestige of the director, *The Way Back* makes for a pretty mundane and lifeless journey, save for Peter Weir's gorgeous visuals and some solid performances from the likes of Jim Sturgess, Ed Harris and Colin Farrell.

Too much journey and not enough conflict and drama makes this a dull take on an engaging story. *Average.*

(See Screen Talk's top ten films of 2010 on page 25)

### Researcher lands top post



Ann Taylor is pictured with Professor Judith Hall, Head of Department - Anaesthetics, Intensive Care and Pain Medicine, Cardiff University and Jane Hutt AM.

**WELSH Woman of the Year, Ann Taylor, of Barry, who was honoured for her pioneering research, has been promoted to Reader in Cardiff University's department of anaesthetics.**

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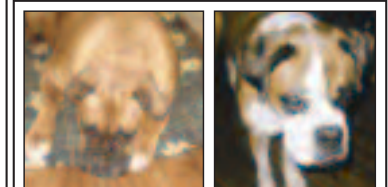
"The contribution Ann Taylor has made in the field of pain research and education is outstanding.

"She has developed the MSc in pain management for health care professionals, developed stand-alone modules for GPs and other health professionals and chaired the Welsh Pain Advisory Board," the AM commented.

### Pictures at an exhibition

'Barry – People and Places', a pictorial exhibition by Tom Clemet takes place on January 9 until February 6 at The Room in the Park, Victoria Park, Cadoston, Barry, between 10am - 4pm daily.

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The free masterclass will be held at the Stanwell Hall, Victoria Road next to the Padgett Rooms, Penarth on Saturday January 15 from 2pm - 5pm. Those aged from 10 years old to over-18s are welcome to attend.

For further information, or to have directions emailed to you, please contact Peter Ferris, Ferris Entertainment on 07801 493 133 or via email: info@ferrisentertainment.com.

## What's On – in brief

### Dyspraxia support

THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held on Monday, January 10 at 7.30pm in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

The group, which supports children with dyspraxia (as well as related conditions such as ADHD, Asperger's, dyslexia) and their parents and carers, will be hosting a fun quiz.

It provides advice and information, as well as an opportunity to exchange experiences.

The group operates a 24-hour help and advice line on 01446 738945 and a website, [www.vdsg.org.uk](http://www.vdsg.org.uk) and also runs social activities and a laptop loan programme.

### Charity coffee

THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan's charity coffee morning will be held at the Corporate Suite, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, January 11 at 10.30am-12noon.

All proceeds will go to Barry Ladies Choir.

### New WI

A NEW evening WI is being planned in Pencoed, at St David's Church Hall, on Wednesday, January 19 at 7.30pm.

Telephone 01639 881588 for further information.

## New toy and train sale set for Penarth

THE first of the all-new Cardiff Toy & Train Sales to be organised by Chris Dyer, takes place on Saturday, January 8 – a new show for a new year.

Already well-established at other venues in Wales, including Barry, Brecon, Llanelli and Carmarthen, the new event fills a large gap left by the ending of previous shows by different and unconnected organisers.

Chris explained: "There has been a lot of pressure on us from the public and traders to take Cardiff under our wing, even though it has meant virtually starting from scratch and finding a new home for the show."

"However, after much work behind the scenes, we have settled on the excellent Penarth Leisure at Cogan. This venue is

very easily accessed as well as having a railway station alongside.

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Four dates are planned for Cardiff shows and the second event will take place on Saturday, April 2 with further events in July and October. Chris added: "The trade support for the new Cardiff Toy & Train Sale has been very positive and we are highly encouraged and this new show will greatly complement our successful Barry event."

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Recently, students appeared in the final of Queen's Arcade's XMAS FACTOR. The academy has decided to adopt the Noah's Ark Appeal as its charity and has already donated £100 from SUPER-STARS LIVE!

Superstars will be providing the entertainment for The Noah's Ark appeal at their special event at The Hilton Hotel, in Cardiff, this



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Superstars will hold open auditions on January 8 at St John's Ambulance Hall, Barry (end of Beryl Road and in Gladstone Park) for its thriving musical theatre department.

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No appointment is required and all Rhoose ward residents are welcome. Further information, call Jeff James on 01446 710690.

### Cadets recruiting

BARRY Army Cadet Force is starting the new year by doubling the parade nights to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm-9pm.

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### BURTON Letitia (Letty) Nee Dodd

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New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, telephone 01446 733425.

## Megan meets her champion!



ABOVE: Megan with jockey McCoy.

**NATIONAL Hunt Champion jockey AP McCoy**, who was chosen BBC Sports Personality of the Year at the weekend, took time out to be pictured with Megan Brown, grand daughter of Llantwit Major estate agent Anthony Brown, at Ffos Las Racecourse recently, writes **Brian Lee**.

Megan, aged 11, is a keen horse racing enthusiast and a novice rider and gymnast.

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# SCREEN TALK'S TOP 10 FILMS OF 2010

**T**HE end of a year is generally a good time for reflection on what the last 12 months have meant.

In Screen Talk's case, it is an opportunity to look back at a cinematic year where 3D became the *de rigueur* method of getting 'bums on seats'; where Tony Curtis, Blake Edwards, Dennis Hopper, Irvin Kershner and Leslie Nielsen (among others) went to the great film studio in the sky; and where dress like *Vampires Suck*, *The Last Airbender* and *Clash of the Titans* made me wonder 'why'?

Having undertaken strong scientific study, Screen Talk's top 10 films of 2010 are now ready for consumption, as we look back at the cream of 2010's crop.

## 10 CEMETERY JUNCTION

If Ricky Gervais' first foray onto the big screen with *The Invention of Lying* was a damp squib, then his first cinematic team-up with regular cohort Stephen Merchant was a rip-roaring success.

A coming-of-age tale set in Reading, the film transcended its British roots to concentrate on the universal themes of growing up, family ties and love, and showed that Gervais and Merchant were more than just skilled comedic writers, the film carry-

ing a lovely counterpoint of drama within it. **9 SCOTT PILGRIM vs THE WORLD** Having shown glimpses of his directorial ability with *Shaun of the Dead* and *Hot Fuzz*, as well as TV sitcom *Spaced*, it was *Scott Pilgrim*... that saw director Edgar Wright let loose, using influences as wide and varied as manga, to computer games, via action blockbusters.

Visually, it was unique, but with a cast, including Michael Cera and Mary Elizabeth Winstead, upping their game, the end result was a hugely enjoyable, if headache-inducing, film.

## 8 BAD LIEUTENANT

What do you get when you team Werner Herzog, one of the most quietly insane directors working in cinema today, and Nicolas Cage, an actor who, when pushed, can go to the edge in a heartbeat?

The answer is one of the most bonkers, yet incredible, pieces of cinema this year. With Cage showing he's capable of more than just sailing through family films, and Herzog bringing a skewed sensibility to the process, *Bad Lieutenant* was a mad, yet superb, film.

## 7 WINTER'S BONE

This low-budget independent drama was a modern-day noir set in the Missouri backwoods, where a teenage daughter has to track

## SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

down her errant father, who had put the family's house up as a bond.

Featuring a truly mesmerising turn from Jennifer Lawrence as the daughter, *Winter's Bone* was a chilling, gripping film that took its time to tell a story that hooks from start to finish.

## 6 A PROPHECY

This French crime epic drew comparisons to *Scarface* upon release, but it was a film that was worth far more than that.

Following an French-Arab teen as he makes his way through the prison system, the film was held up superbly well by a breathtaking turn from Tahar Rahim, and showed that, along with *Mesrine*, the French certainly know how to make a sophisticated crime drama.

## 5 KICK-ASS

If the over-reliance on comic book properties means that the bubble may be about to burst, then *Kick-Ass* made sure that it went to the top of comic book adaptations to hit cinema screens.

With little faith in its abilities, the film was a critical, if perhaps not commercial, success – a shame given that Matthew Vaughn had given the genre a good kick up the 'ass'.

Further adventures are planned, though given the skill of this one, it'll be a tricky job to live up to!

## 4 SHUTTER ISLAND

The fourth pairing of Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio was arguably the most fruitful of their outings thus far. The twisty turning thriller kept you guess-

ing to the end, with the climax itself leaving you in mystery.

With stellar turns and a spooky score, Scorsese seemed more alive than ever behind the camera, the slow-burning film dripping tension – an outstanding piece of work.

## 3 THE SOCIAL NETWORK

'The Facebook film' was one that told the story of the origins of one of the most valuable companies in the world, yet dug beneath the surface to offer an in-depth (if not necessarily 100 per cent accurate) background to the events that shaped the company.

With David Fincher lending the film a strong visual element, and Aaron Sorkin's dialogue shining brightly, a cast of bright young things turned this tale into one of the most enthralling of the year.

## 2 TOY STORY 3

The general rule of a trilogy is that the final outing makes for the weakest – too many loose ends to tie up, no cliffhangers; it was a rule that *Toy Story 3* smashed to pieces, the finished film being a truly outstanding, and emotional, way to say goodbye to Woody, Buzz et al.

With a more mature approach, Pixar hit the bullseye yet again, but it was the style and substance that made this film a step above all other animations this year.

## 1 INCEPTION

With the success of *The Dark Knight* giving him carte blanche, Chris Nolan's follow-up to the third biggest film of all time was a spectacular, mind-bending, multi-layered delight, that had you scratching your head and dropping your jaw on a regular basis.

Perfectly primed for multiple viewings and opinions on what was a dream and what wasn't, *Inception* marked Nolan as one of the directors of the moment, and what else he is capable of makes the mind boggle!

## Evening of music and dance at Memo

**VIBE Experience held its annual talent showcase the 'V Factor' at Barry Memorial Hall Theatre.**

Despite the icy conditions, and various stomach aches, 139 young people from across the Vale performed to a very high standard.

The event was a celebration of all the hard work that the young people had displayed over the past term with

dancers from Motion Control Dance Programme, singers from the Singing Academy and lyric writers, rappers and musicians from the MMX Project.

The event was watched by family and friends of the young people, as well as guests from the Arts Council Wales, Children in Need and the Home Office – who fund these exciting Vibe projects.

## Christmas gifts for Ty Hafan



Lyndsay Ellis and Huw Adams Of Park Funeral Directors with grateful staff at Ty Hafan.

**PARK Independent Funeral Directors** recently presented 120 chocolate selection boxes to children at Ty Hafan.

Lyndsay Ellis, the funeral manager, was delighted with the response to his call to make

Christmas more pleasant for the young patients.

He said: "I love and enjoy taking part in our community activities and am so happy to be a part of the community Of Barry and The Vale.

"We held a Christmas Memorial Service at King

Square at the end of November which was well attended, bringing our community together to remember loved ones at this time of the year, and now, with the success of this Chocolate Selection Box Appeal, the community has united again."

## PACT meetings

**CADOC PACT, Palmerston Learning and Community Centre, Barry, January 12 at 7pm.**

**COURT PACT, Scout Hall, Illminster Street, Barry, January 13 at 7.30pm.**

**GIBBONS DOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, Barry, January 14 at 10am.**

**TWYN-YR-ODYN** coffee and chat meeting, Horse and Jockey, January 11 at 11am.

**LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, Llantwit Leisure Centre, January 11 at 7pm.**

**COWBRIDGE PACT, Fire Station, Druids Green, January 17 at 7pm.**

**WENVOE** Community Council meeting, Wenvoe Community Hall, January 18 at 7.30pm.

**LLANDOUGH PACT, Llandough Memorial Hall, January 10 at 7pm.**

## Roadworks report

**Footway restriction** in place at Pontypridd Street, junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry. **Temporary traffic control:** Colcot Road between Winston Road and Whitewell Road, Barry;

**Five Mile Lane, Barry** near junction for Northcliffe Farm; **Cowbridge Road, Bonvilston.**

**Advanced warning:** movement of an abnormal load, delays expected – from Bridgend Industrial Estate to A48 onto Cowbridge High Street onto A48 onto Five Mile Lane onto Port Road onto Barry Docks.

## Penarth Computer Club: Dinner, chips (and chat!)

**EVERY** year the club has a Christmas dinner where members are encouraged to bring along their partners for a friendly social gathering.

This year was no exception and in spite of ailments and inclement weather, 38 of us enjoyed a good meal and a fun evening.

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and for the opportunity to meet the 'other half'.

In particular, he thanked Roy for all the hard work in preparation and management of the whole affair.

After the traditional funny story, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded them of the Chips and Chat Night soon to follow.

At the Chips night, one new member was pleasantly surprised to discover that the chips were of the potato variety

and the chat was about things other than computers.

Mike J conducted a light-hearted quiz. This time it was designed to prevent Steve using his encyclopaedic knowledge of music to win yet again. It didn't work.

It would appear that Steve knows a thing or two about other things as well, films in particular. No wonder members are quite keen to be on his team!

The chairman conceals his inability to answer the questions by the devious ploy of collecting the fish and chips instead. He is, of course, quite capable of eating his fair share; possibly due to years of practice.

He thanked Mike for the quiz and Nick for the hot drinks and wished them one and all a Merry Christmas.

He then reminded everyone of the annual general meeting in January and talked about the programme that needs to be settled at that

time. Members were asked to let the committee know what topics they would like to have covered in the meetings up to July.

The topics could be mini master classes to do with one tiny feature of computing as a how-to-do-it session, or the illustration of broader areas of computing where it would be sufficient to register for future reference that a computer is capable of doing something.

He stressed that there was scope for both types of evening and that the club was keen to meet the needs of its members.

He pointed out that the notices for the AGM also contained a nomination form for the election of officers and committee and that they should be used to enable the posts of secretary and treasurer to be filled to ensure the continued smooth operation of the club.

Howard Desmond

## Barry chorister hits high note with Postcode lottery!

**PENSIONER** Anthony Bastick was "overwhelmed" when Welsh rugby legend Scott Quinnell knocked on his door and handed him a cheque from People's Postcode lottery.

Anthony, who sings with the City Voices Choir in Cardiff, won the £2,500 when his postcode, CF62 3EN in Rhose, was drawn as a Welsh street prize winner.

He said: "It was a tremendous surprise. I've never won anything in my life. It was wonderful to meet Scott Quinnell too."

Speaking before Christmas, Anthony was planning to share his windfall with his two daughters and four grandchildren: "They'll all be getting a nice Christmas present this year and I'll be able to give some money to



charity as well," he said.

People's Postcode lottery is Britain's charity lottery. Players play with their postcodes to win cash prizes while raising money for good causes.

For £10 a month, players are entered into five draws every month, each with a top prize of £30,000. Over 500 postcodes win prizes in every draw and there are around 2,000 winning tickets every week.

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

**THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D649.**

● The rollover, which now stands at £7,500, was not won this week.

● £2,000: 195650.

● £10: 398248,

580624, 542716, 228765,

187933, 842168, 460538,

859086, 616366, 380990,

623974, 477914, 695149,

474685, 662273, 285368,

237341, 474999, 893056,

594283.

● £5: 763439, 768284,

620551, 221634, 178425,

143418, 564490, 160252,

170749, 191779, 557683,

876044, 301654, 158808,

247141, 594212, 571525,

825568, 871370, 710686,

830554, 931631, 694002,

678583, 285338, 208904,

613501, 399497, 748181,

139317, 622234, 304363,

811819, 351722, 783137,

248998, 571127, 216691,

100948, 206801, 502477,

884043, 834130, 151874,

439969, 216995, 485997,

899005, 797222, 762455,

831286, 410295, 994602,

828466, 146305, 866695,

354000, 111556, 136741,

132396.

**THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan**

**Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D650.**

● £2,000: 266672.

● The rollover, which now stands at £8,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 140826,

482536, 898167, 767971,

594315, 313407, 846143,

674321, 512667, 668491,

289529, 331282, 288375,

497871, 825328, 294627,

496516.

● £5: 247938,

276668, 305548, 633765,

626161, 863500, 263719,

590741, 241760, 657100,

503962, 140519, 755247,

163832, 343872, 159377,

819686, 432991, 749151,

853278, 300207, 318215,

229834, 460008, 999651,

132386, 336921, 569660,

118284,

343990, 155365, 140802,

518034, 242344, 117648,

141973, 278697, 444104,

822719, 891826, 199965,

364239, 107155, 315948,

485848, 268543, 243439,

642593, 800615, 393102,

353692.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

# PUPILS 'BACC' THEIR JUDGEMENT AT FAYRE

**B E F O R E** advanced diploma Christmas, year-12 team enterprise. Students from the sixth form provided services and sold homemade cakes and cookies, among other treats, to staff and pupils to raise money for their chosen charities.

Altogether, they raised around £780 for various charities including The Joshua Foundation, Help 4 Heroes, Marys Meals and Ty Hafan.

Hotdogs were among the mouth watering options available for purchase, along with the delicious, calorie-tastic chocolate fountain.

## LEGS WAXED

Staff also took part in fundraising, with sociology teacher, Paul Birch having his legs waxed, and mathematics teacher Chris Clements having a makeover for charity!

The fayre is part of the enterprise module in the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma qualification, which students study in the sixth form.

Jackie Memory, the sixth form's learning manager, spoke of the students' dedication and imagination when planning the fayre.

She said: "The students have really put everything into making this fayre successful to raise money for the charities of their choice."

"One group were even in at 7.30am on the day of the fayre to start setting up."

"Their enthusiasm and dedication to the event has been second to none and that will be a key factor, crucial to ensuring they pass and attain the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification at Key Stage 5."

## Head girls take over in tandem



Paige O'Sullivan and Stephanie Cook.

**BRYN Hafren** has chosen two head girls to represent the school this year.

Stephanie Cook and Paige O'Sullivan are at present studying for their A-levels.

"Their enthusiasm and ability to be role models for the younger pupils were qualities which made them excellent choices," said Miss Memory, learning manager of the Sixth Form.

Stephanie who is at present studying maths, English and Spanish is hoping to eventually pursue a career in teaching, and Paige, who is doing A-level history, theatre studies and maths, hopes to study law at university.

Both students have already been busy organising the sixth form Valedictory dinner, and involving themselves in various fundraising events, as well as leading the sixth form council.



**ABOVE:**  
A cookie stall.

**BELOW:**  
Mr Birch prepares to feel the pain of a leg waxing!



## Bryn Hafren school students spread plenty of festive cheer!

**STUDENTS** at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive were spreading festive cheer in their last week of term!

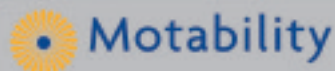
Pupils and staff brought in biscuits, tinned goods, chocolates and jams to make hampers for the elderly of Barry.

The hampers were bursting with bountiful goodies and tasty treats as the students gave generously.

Representatives from each form delivered their hampers as a gesture of good will and, following this seasonal gesture, Bryn Hafren has received many calls of appreciation and thanks from the



recipients.  
**OLIVIA WARD**  
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## NEWS FROM, THE BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB

## Party time for bridge club!

ON AND OFF THE TURF  
with Brian LeeEvan's Ffos  
Las double

**LLANCARFAN'S**  
**Evan Williams**  
landed a double at  
Ffos Las last week  
with *Oscar Gogo*  
and *Pilgreen*.

*Oscar Gogo* took the  
Ronald Jessett 85th  
Birthday Handicap  
Chase, and *Pilgreen* the  
Eileen Rees Birthday  
Maiden Hurdle.

Eight-year-old *Oscar Gogo*, partnered by  
Adam Wedge, won by  
four lengths from the  
Tim Vaughan-trained  
*Betabob*, ridden by  
Michael Murphy, and the  
French bred five-year-old  
*Pilgreen* scored by  
two lengths from the  
favourite, *Master Fiddle*.

*Pilgreen* was ridden  
by stable jockey Paul  
Moloney and *Oscar Gogo's* rider Adam  
Wedge (21) is a graduate  
of the British Racing  
School. A former point-  
to-point rider, his claim  
to fame was in winning  
the £55,000 DBS Spring  
Sales Bumper for his former  
boss Chris Bealby.

Good news is that the  
Penttyrch Hunt point-to-  
point fixture at  
Bonvilston on April 23

will stage a ladies' open  
race which will qualify  
for the AGA Ladies'  
Championship.

AGA chief executive  
William McGrath said:  
"The championship  
offers a chance to cele-  
brate the achievements of  
women riders and we're  
very excited to be  
involved."

"This is a grass roots  
campaign for us. We esti-  
mate there are around  
400,000 owners of AGA  
and Rayburn cookers  
throughout the country  
and we're confident  
we'll see many of them at  
point-to-point meetings."

Meanwhile, Connolly's  
RED MILLS UK is to  
continue its support to  
the UK point-to-point  
scene. Again, this year  
there will be 20 qualifiers  
for the Intermediate  
point-to-point series and  
the National Champion  
Horse award for 2011.

The final will take  
place at Cheltenham  
Racecourse on May 4.

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LATEST results  
from Barrivale are  
as follows:

Tuesday, December  
14: First were Denis  
Mottram and Noelle  
Bond with 57.81 per  
cent. In second place  
were Irene Thomas and  
Graham Jones (57.29)  
and in third were Eileen  
Hughes and Carol James  
(56.77). Helen Jordan  
and Judith Owen won on  
handicap.

The Barrivale  
Christmas party was held  
on Friday, December 10.  
The results of the  
evening's individual  
bridge event was as fol-  
lows: Winners on scratch

were Celia Thomas,  
Mick Green, Lyn  
Matthews and Alan  
Jones.

Handicap winners  
were Betty Lewis, Huw  
Thomas, Vivien Liles  
and Hilary Laurence.

Nearest to average  
score were Noelle Bond,  
Jane Brook, Helen  
Jordan and Tom  
Kendrick, and the prizes  
for a good effort went to  
Diana Kendrick, Carol  
James, Sean Macdougall  
and Maureen Charlton.

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**later than planned**  
**with the popular**  
**Celtic**  
**Championships,**  
**ensuring a third**  
**highly-charged**  
**meeting in succe-**  
**ssion.**

Postponed from its  
original date by the first  
'big freeze' of the south  
Wales winter, the cham-  
pionships finally took  
place on Sunday,  
December 12 during a  
brief break in the weath-  
er. Seven classes pro-  
duced 58 hardy competi-  
tors, each getting a qual-  
ifying session, heat and  
pre-final before the tro-  
phies were decided in  
the main events of the  
day.

The smallest field of  
the day got things under  
way and, without his  
season-long rivals,  
Honda Junior proved to  
be something of a stroll  
for Welsh champion  
Lloyd Sealy, who went  
fastest in qualifying and  
reeled off three race  
wins to claim a title dou-  
ble.

The rapidly improv-  
ing Monty Gorrige  
claimed second each  
time out, with fellow  
novice Jack Hixon gain-  
ing valuable track time  
as the third and final  
runner.

A 13-kart group, fea-  
turing a mix of new and  
familiar names, com-  
bined to form the Cadet  
class, with the outcome  
of each session closely  
fought. Fletcher  
Trueman's Honda Cadet  
topped the lone qualif-  
ying session from leading  
Comer runner James  
Small, but it was Small  
who drew first blood  
when racing began, win-  
ning the heat from Ryan  
Edwards and Ross  
Thomas.

Small also won the  
pre-final, from Brandon  
Patrick and Edwards,  
but it was the latter who  
came good when it mat-  
tered, beating Patrick by  
just over a second to  
claim the Celtic title.  
Small was again the best  
Comer runner, claiming  
third overall.

The biggest grid of  
the day was provided by  
a mixed Junior  
TKM/Minimax field,  
with 16 drivers weighed  
slightly more heavily in  
favour of the former.  
Niall Williams (TKM 2-  
Stroke) claimed qualif-  
ying honours, ahead of  
Ben Davies and James  
Moorcroft (both  
Minimax), but it was  
Minimax that took the  
first race win, with  
Morgan Rose heading  
TKM stalwarts  
Sebastian Hutchinson  
and Josh Collings across  
the line.

Hutchinson would go  
on to make a habit of  
coming second, finish-  
ing as runner-up in both



**Chris Davis claimed three race wins en route to the Senior Rotax Celtic Championship title.**

the pre-final and final,  
as Welsh TKM 4-stroke  
champion Andrew  
Davies came through to  
claim victory on each  
occasion. While  
Collings was third on  
the road in the pre-final,  
he was an early retire-  
ment in the main event –  
along with Rose and  
Moorcroft – allowing  
TKM runner Zach Jones  
to complete the podium.

Ben Davies took  
Minimax honours, ahead  
of category debut – and  
new LKC Cadet champi-  
on – Harry Williams.

Four drivers braved  
the elements in Senior  
Honda and, in the  
absence of Dragon  
Challenge champion  
Ferdinand Ball, top spot  
was fought over by  
Welsh champion Simon  
Evans and seasoned  
returnee Chris  
Lipscombe.

Evans topped qualif-  
ying before Lipscombe  
emerged on top of a heat  
that also saw veteran  
Paul Saunders ahead of  
the 'C' plate, but order  
was restored thereafter,  
with the Welsh champi-  
on winning both the pre-  
final and final by small  
margins. Lipscombe was  
second on both occa-  
sions, with Saunders and  
Nick Turley completing  
the field.

Having been thwarted  
in his bid to win the  
combined  
TKM/Minimax final,  
Collings was not to be  
denied in Junior Rotax,  
sweeping the board each  
time the field ventured  
out. Comfortably fastest  
in qualifying, he went  
on to win the heat, pre-  
final and final to claim  
the coveted 'CC' plate,  
while the order behind  
him changed with each  
race.

Macaulay Austin was  
the most consistent chal-  
lenger, appearing in the  
top three in every out-  
ing, but he had to settle  
for second in the main  
event. Robbie Gallier,  
Ryan Wheeler and JJ  
Wilson all suggested  
that they may be con-  
tenders but, ultimately,  
it was Josh Gray who  
ended the day on the  
podium.

Senior Max rounded  
out proceedings with  
another strong field, but  
it proved to be the  
domain of Chris Davis  
once racing began.  
Buoyed by recent strong  
results, Liam Revell  
opened up on top in

festivities before kicking  
off 2011 with the annual  
dinner and awards cere-  
mony.

## RESULTS

**JUNIOR HONDA:** 1,  
Lloyd Sealy; 2, Monty  
Gorrige; 3, Jack Hixon.  
**HONDA CADET:** 1,  
Ryan Edwards; 2,  
Brandon Patrick; 3, Alex  
Rees.

**HONDA CADET:** 1,  
James Small; 2, Edward  
Tansley; 3, Lucas  
Wynne.

**JUNIOR TKM 2-  
STROKE:** 1, Sebastian  
Hutchinson; 2, Zach  
Jones; 3, William Shaw.

**JUNIOR TKM 4-  
STROKE:** 1, Andrew  
Davies; 2, Alex Thomas;  
3, Ryan Jones.

**MINIMAX:** 1, Ben  
Davies; 2, Harry  
Williams; 3, Ross Chell.  
**SENIOR HONDA:** 1,  
Simon Evans; 2, Chris  
Lipscombe; 3, Paul  
Saunders.

**JUNIOR ROTAX:** 1,  
Josh Collings; 2,  
Macaulay Austin; 3,  
Josh Gray.

**SENIOR ROTAX:** 1,  
Chris Davis; 2, Liam  
Revell; 3, Dean Arthur.  
**ROTAX 177:** 1, Simon  
Wheeler; 2, Wayne  
Stone; 3, Dan Orlande.

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# GEM sport

South Wales Regional Schools cross-country championships for girls at Trelai Park, Cardiff

## THE GIRLS SHOW THE BOYS JUST HOW IT'S DONE AT LATEST ATHLETICS MEET

**AFTER** the disappointing medal haul achieved by the Vale boys at the 13th South Wales Regional Schools championships, there was joy for the girls at their regional schools event when they showed that they are a match from the pupils from the other four local authorities of Bridgend, Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taf, the Glamorgan Valleys section of Caerphilly, and local rivals Cardiff – by claiming four individual medals and two sets of team medals.

The opening race, for senior girls in year-11 and above, at Trelai Park on a dry but windy afternoon was dominated by two Bridgend county residents, Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and Ffion Lewis (YG Llanhari).

Vale girls filled eight of the remaining top 20 places, with year-12 Bethan Daw (St Cyres) finishing clear of Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral) to take third place.

Seren Allin (Cowbridge) has made an outstanding start to the season, winning both of the Cardiff and the Vale year-7 girls' races. Seren and all the other year-7 girls met the year-8 contingent for the first time, and again she came out with flying colours, taking second place to the outstanding pre-vent favourite, year-8 Rosa Yates of Brynteg.

Although there were 76 Vale girls in a field of 284 finishers, only four more achieved top 20 places: year-8 pupils Ana Mirza-Davies (Stanwell, 12th), Nadine James (Cowbridge, 13th) and Rebecca Thomas (Cowbridge, 16th) and year-7 Emily Wooster (Stanwell, 15th).

While defending champion Rebecca Evans (Y Pant, year-10) was always in control of the last of the three races on the afternoon programme, the under-15 event for girls in years-9 and 10 was a very tight contest between the next quartet of pupils for the remaining medals.

In the end, experience told with Megan Osborne (Llantwit, year-10) just getting the better of Kate Seary (Whitchurch, year-9) to

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repeat her 2009 second placing with Kate Coker (Stanwell, year-9) taking the fourth placed medal. For the Cowbridge squad, there was joy both at year-7 and in the senior sections. At year-7, they retained the title won last year while, in the seniors, they went one better than 2009 to claim top spot. Seren Allin, Nadine James, Rebecca Thomas and year-8 Ela Emyr (36th) scored for the year-7 team while Fiona Bray (8th) led home the senior quartet, all from year-11, which also included Rachel Bradshaw, Katie Wynne and Bethan Allman.

Two other Vale schools narrowly missed out on team medals. At under-15, Llantwit placed three girls, Megan Osborne, Lucy Tarrant and Erin Hayes, in the top 10, but then had to wait until position 100 for their fourth scorer, just missing out on third place by seven points.

In the year-7 race, the improving Stanwell squad finished their four scorers in the top 39 places but missed out by 16 points on third place to Cardiff High.

The top Vale youngsters' next race may come in the New Year in the maroon and gold vest of Cardiff and the Vale Schools district in the inter county schools element of the McCain Cardiff Cross Challenge at Blackweir on Sunday, January 16.

**Results – Vale girls**

**Senior girls, 4370m – 45 finishers:** 3 Bethan Daw (St Cy) 17:17; 4 Caitlin Bryant (Cathedral) 17:47; 5 Fiona Bray (Cow) 18:45; 10 Cerri-Anne Santos (St Cy) 19:24; 11 Danielle Green (StRG) 19:48; 13 Rachel Bradshaw (Cow) 20:13; 15 Katie Wynne (Cow) 20:16; 19 Bethan Allman (Cow) 21:19; 20 Anthea Young (Lwt) 21:33; 26 Holly Preece (Cow) 22:47; 34 Alyson Bate (Cow) 24:27; 36 Sarah Herbert (Bryn H) 24:33; 37 Chloe Phillips (Lwt) 25:31

**Teams: 1 Cowbridge**

**Under-15 girls, 3630m – 149 finishers:**

2 Megan Osborne (Lwt) 14:04; 4 Kate Coker (Stan) 14:18; 8 Erin Hayes (Lwt) 14:48; 9 Lucy Tarrant (Lwt) 14:56; 19 Mirriam Bennett (Cow) 16:05; 29 Tillie Carter (Bryn H) 16:49; 33 Kanisha-Mae

Underdown (Bryn H) 17:07; 38 Kathryn Gardiner (Bryn H); 42 Ffion Davies (Bro M); 49 Rachel Cosier (Bryn H); 52 Caitlin Young (Bro M); 62 Bethan Yapp (Bro M); 63 Lauren Blake (StRG); 64 Ffion Roberts (Bro M); 76 Kirsty Hogg (St Cy); 86 Chloe Webber (Bryn H); 88 Chloe Lewis (Stan); 89 Ffion Morgan (Cow) 19:32; 92 Susie Collins (Stan); 93 Eleanor Morgan (Cow); 98 Megan Langdon-Cryer (Cow); 100 Bethany Cleave (Lwt); 104 Sophie Thomas (Cow); 123 Zoe Hodgkinson (Bryn H) 21:36; 130 Kirby Redrup (Bryn H); 131 Leah Cunningham (St Cy); 135 Abbie Dee (StRG); 138 Morgan White (StRG)

**Teams: 4 Llantwit**

**119; 7 Bryn Hafren**

**149; 14 Cowbridge 299**

**Under-13 girls, 3050m**

**– 284 finishers:**

2 Seren Allin (Cow) 11:59; 12 Anastasia Mirza-Davies (Stan) 13:50; 13 Nadine James (Cow) 13:52; 15 Emily Wooster (Stan) 14:02; 16 Rebecca Thomas (Cow) 14:02; 30 Ysabelle Williams (BoL) 14:27; 34 Annabelle Birch-Hurst (Stan) 14:37; 36 Ela Emyr (Cow) 14:38; 39 Ffion Adams (Stan) 14:45; 47 Alice Tudor (Cow) 15:01; 55 Brooke Langdon-Cryer (Cow) 15:23; 56 Cerys Bradshaw (Cow) 15:24; 58 Charlotte Webber (Bryn H) 15:26; 59 Seren Marsh (Stan) 15:29; 60 Keirney O'Dare (Lwt) 15:30; 61 Rebecca Humpage (Stan) 15:32; 66 Holly Howells (Lwt); 67 Kelsea Peterson (Bro M); 72 Alicia Thomas (Cow); 73 Lowri Jones (Bro M); 75 Sally Gambling (Cow); 77 Ellie Hicks (Lwt); 85 Megan Davies (Bro M); 86 Evie Brown (St Cy); 93 Kayla Huggins (Bryn H); 100 Georgia Logan Davies (Stan); 101 Ambra John (StRG); 105 Nia Fenn (Bro M); 110 Man Lan Tse (St Cy); 117 Tamara Pitt (Lwt); 122 Chelsea Western (StRG); 135 Emily Guericco (Bryn H); 137 Emmie Bailey (StRG); 142 Evie Williams (Cow); 144 Melissa Gray (Lwt); 148 Maya Bell (Cow); 156 Ffion Vickers (Cow); 159 Ruth May (Lwt); 160 Jenna Viney (Cow); 164 Tesni Sewell (Bro M); 167 Heulwen Hill (StRG);



*Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral School, 99) finished fourth in the senior race, missing out on an individual medal.*



*Start of the under-15 race with Megan Osborne (Llantwit, 408) already featuring at the front of the field.*



*Year-7 Seren Allin finished second in the under-13 race, and led Cowbridge to a successful defence of the team title.*



*Rachel Bradshaw (125) and Katie Wynne (126) second and third scorers for the winning Cowbridge senior team.*

## Linnets face the Dynamos

**SOUTH Wales Senior League side, Cadoxton Barry FC, begin 2011 this weekend with a home match at Jenner Park against former Welsh League opponents, Pentwyn Dynamos of Cardiff (kick off 2pm).**

After gaining promotion as division two champions, the Linnets have had a baptism of fire in division one – often outplaying or out-battling opponents but not coming away with the points.

Before Christmas, a trip to local rivals Sully Sports saw the Linnets on the wrong side of a 4-2 defeat, despite taking an early lead through Christian Mills. Mills later scored the Linnets' second from the penalty spot.

That will probably be the last meeting between the two clubs

this season after league officials cancelled the C W Bruty Cup, the South Wales senior league cup, in a bid to avoid a fixture pile-up as a result of the dreadful pre-Christmas weather.

Before the cancellation was announced, Cadoxton Barry had been scheduled to play Sully in the next round.

There were two winning tickets in the Cadoxton Barry Linnets Lotto just before Christmas, both winning £575 each from the £1,150 prize, and being shared between three people.

This week's Linnets Lotto numbers were: 2, 3, 6, 9, 13 and 20. Next week's prize will be £300 with numbers 1-19 in the draw. As always, the draw will take place in the lounge of the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street on Monday night at 7.30pm.

## NEWS FROM BARRY RUGBY CLUB

### Important news about club tour

**THE club is now accepted.**

To that end, I will be gathering this information at the club on Saturday, January 8. The information required is as follows:

**Full name, date of birth, passport number and expiry date.**

The completed list has to be submitted by January 10 so anyone unable to make the club on Saturday should telephone me at home after 6pm on 01446 411737.

This Saturday's game sees the Firsts at home to Treherbert (kick-off 2.30pm) with the second team and youth away at St Joseph's and Pencoed respectively.

### Calling all club officials!

We welcome your news, views and other items of interest – please email [gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk](mailto:gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk)